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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PETRIC REMARKS ON MIDEAST

REF: STATE 238726

1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON DEPUTY FOREIGN SECRETARY PETRIC DECEMBER 10 (AMB WAS CONFINED TO BED WITH SHORT FLU BOUT DURING TIME WHEN SECRETARY MINIC WAS ABAILABLE) TO REVIEW BILATERALS, ME ISSUE, ETC. BEFORE DEPARTING POST. ON MIDEAST, AMBASSADOR OUTLINED US POSTURE ON UPCOMING PEACE CONFERENCE, SPEAKING ALONG LINES REFTEL AND SECRETARY'S PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK.

2. PETRIC HOPED SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN PERSUADING PARTIES PARTICIPATING TO TAKE "REASONABLE POSITION" AT GENEVA. HE SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT SUPER-POWERS HAVE MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY, FEELS STRONGLY THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CONDOMINIUM OF EFFORT; OTHERS WITH LEGITIMATE INTEREST IN PROBLEMS OF THE AREA SHOULD NOT BE PRECLUDED FROM EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS OR PLAYING ACTIVE ROLE IF IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED NECESSARY OR HELPFUL. GOY FEELS PARTICULARLY STRONGLY THAT UN SHOULD NOT BE CUT OUT OF ANY PEACEKEEPING EFFORT AND SECY GENERAL SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN PEACE CONFERENCE.

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3. PETRIC SAID YUGOSLAVIA DOES NOT NOW CONTEMPLATE ANY SPECIFIC

INITIATIVE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 18 TALKS, BUT THIS NOT EXCLUDED IF  
NONALIGNED PARTNERS SHOULD FEEL IT DESIRABLE.

4. WITH REGARD TO YUGOSLAV EFFORTS TO PERSUADE ARAB FRIENDS TO BE  
REASONABLE IN UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS, PETRIC POINTED OUT THAT EVEN  
"EXTREMIST" ARABS (LIBYANS AND PALESTINIANS) HAVE SHOWN CONSIDERABLE  
FLEXIBILITY IN RECENT MONTHS. HE ADMITTED IRAQIS HAVE NOT, AND  
SAID TITO WOULD ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE IRAQ TO TAKE MORE REASONABLE  
VIEW DURING TALKS WITH FONMIN BAKI ON BRIONI DECEMBER 10. PETRIC  
THEN NOTED THAT TITO FEELS STRONGLY THAT IF CURRENT PEACE EFFORTS  
FAIL, SITUATION WOULD IRRETRIEVABLY WORSEN AND ARABS COULD NOT BE  
EXPECTED REMAIN PEACEFUL. RESULTANT HOSTILITIES COULD WELL INVOLVE  
PARTIES NOT NOW DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN DISPUTE. WHILE YUGOSLAVIA WILL  
TRY TO BRING ABOUT MORE CONCILIATORY VIEW ON PART OF ARAB EXTREMISTS,  
IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT, IN PETRIC'S VIEW, TO CONCILIATE  
EXTREMIST ISRAELI ELEMENTS.

5. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION ON OUR PART  
TO ELIMINATE UN FROM ITS REGHTFUL AND USEFUL ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS  
AND THAT WE ARE NOW IN TOUCH WITH SECRETARY GENERAL--AS WELL AS  
WITH SOVIETS AND PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED--REGARDING MODALITIES  
OF SETTING UP PEACE CONFERENCE. AMB ADDED THAT AS THESE PREPARA-  
TIONS ARE QUIETLY UNDERWAY, NOISY AND INFLAMMATORY SESSIONS OF  
SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD BE AVOIDED--AND IT IS IN THIS RESPECT ONLY  
THAT US FEELS ROLE OF UN SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY ACTIVE IN PRE-  
CONFERENCE PERIOD.  
JOHNSON

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